

Application Serial No. 10/552,782  
Response to Office Action dated October 29, 2008

PATENT  
Docket: CU-4417

### REMARKS

1. In the Claims, please amend Claim 12. The amendment to Claim 12 is made for clarity and new matter has been added. The amendments to the Claims can be viewed in the Amendments section in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

2. In the Office Action the pending Claims 1-26 were restricted according to species as follows:

Species A, related to Claims 7 and 8: drawn to multinomial or binomial logistic regression;

Species B, related to Claims 7 and 9: drawn to generalized linear model;

Species C, related to Claims 7 and 10: drawn to Cox's proportional hazards model; and

Species D, related to Claims 7 and 11-13: drawn to Parametric survival model.

3. The Applicant hereby elects Species B, Claims 7 and 9. In the event that no generic claim, claims 1-6 and 14-26, is finally held allowable, the Applicant elects Claims 7 and 9 for prosecution on the merits. However, this election is only in the event that no generic claim, 1-6 and 14-26, is held allowable.

4. As a result of the Applicant's election of Species B, claims 8-11 read on claim 7, and claims 12-13 read on claim 9.

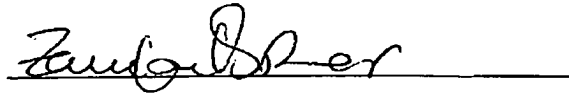
5. The Applicant retains the right to present the non-elected species in a divisional application.

6. The Applicant believes that this response is responsive to all points raised in the Office Action dated October 29, 2008.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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